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Part IV
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Section 7A
Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development

Overview

7A.1 The responsibilities of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development are defined in the report of the Secretary-General on the 1992-1993 revised estimates covering the second phase of the restructuring of the Secretariat (A/C.5/47/88) and in General Assembly resolution 47/212 B of 6 May 1993.

7A.2 Its principal responsibility is to provide support for the central coordinating and policy-making functions vested in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, as well as for the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly. In that context, the Department concentrates on (a) policy development, integrating the economic, social, environmental and gender dimensions of major policy issues in the economic, social and related fields, particularly those related to growth and adjustment, poverty, food security and the advancement of women; (b) monitoring the implementation of Agenda 21; (c) assisting the Secretary-General in the exercise of his responsibilities for system-wide coordination and assisting him, along with other organizational entities, in ensuring policy coherence, coordination and efficient management in the economic and social sectors within the United Nations proper; (d) providing substantive support to the preparations for and follow-up to global conferences and programmes such as the programmes for the least developed countries, the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women; and (e) providing technical secretariat services to intergovernmental bodies in the economic and social fields.

7A.3 In the areas of sustainable development, new and renewable sources of energy resources and energy for development, social development, the advancement of women, poverty and food security, the Department is the principal substantive secretariat within the United Nations for the relevant intergovernmental and inter-agency processes. Ensuring the integration of economic, social, environmental and gender concerns in policy development and implementation is a crucial objective underlying the structure and mandate of the Department.

7A.4 In 1996-1997, the Department will continue to focus on promoting an integrated approach to economic, social, environmental and gender aspects of development, including the elaboration of perspectives that will provide for sustainable, equitable and participatory development. It will develop and promote a coordinated approach to key policy issues in the fields of sustainable and social development, including poverty, hunger and malnutrition, the advancement of women and integration into the development process of all social groups. During the biennium the Department will support intergovernmental processes that will review the implementation by the Programmes of Actions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the 1994 Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women, as well as programmes of activities relating to Africa and the least developed countries with the overall objective of ensuring a coordinated and integrated follow-up.

7A.5 The Department will provide substantive support to the Commission on Sustainable Development, the High-level Advisory Board, WFC, as may be needed, and such subsidiary organs of the Economic and

Social Council as the Commission on Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Committee for Development Planning, the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development, the Committee for Natural Resources and, at the inter-agency level, to the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development and other subsidiary bodies of the Administrative Committee on Coordination dealing with both operational and programme questions. The Department will also continue its substantive responsibility in assisting the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of a Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Areas Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, and the Committee on Elimination of Discrimination against Women in achieving the objectives of the related conventions.

7A.6 The programme of work under this section falls under three of the five priorities of a broad sectoral nature decided by the General Assembly in its resolutions 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and 47/214 of 23 December 1992. The Department will be primarily responsible for implementation of the programme of activities on the economic recovery and development of Africa whose requirements are included in section 7B. It will also assume responsibility for coordination of the activities of the United Nations on the economic development of the developing countries and on sustainable development in the context of preservation of the environment.

7A.7 A number of the above functions are of a continuing nature and correspond programmatically, in whole or in part, to the following programmes of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised: programmes 11, Policy development and coordination, 19, Natural resources, 20, Energy, 25, Global social issues and policies, 26, Social integration, 27, Advancement of women, and 46, Sustainable development.

7A.8 The activities and related resource requirements are presented by programme, where applicable, or by major sector of the Department's responsibilities. Activities under programme 45, Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development, which are under the responsibility of the Department are presented in a separate section 7B, in line with the provisions of section V of General Assembly resolution 49/219 of 23 December 1994.

7A.9 The resource level proposed for the Department under this section reflects reduction of resources against those appropriated for the biennium 1994-1995 in the amount of $7,266,900, or 15.1 per cent. This is attributable to the following main factors:

(a) Discontinuing the activities relating to programme Protection of global climate, owing to the successful completion of the programme and designation of a permanent secretariat for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change by the Conference of the Parties held in 1995. Effective 1996 the activity will be financed outside the United Nations programme budget under the terms of the Convention. The relating outgoing resources amount to $3,054,500;

(b) Discontinuing provision made for 1994-1995 in connection with the preparation and holding of the 1994 Global Conference on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States ($484,300), the World Summit for Social Development ($1,789,000) and the Fourth World Conference on Women ($1,754,500).

7A.10 Owing to factors listed in paragraph 7A.9 above the overall staff establishment of the Department under the regular budget reflects a decrease by 10 posts. At the same time the proposed programme budget for the continuing activities reflects substantial redeployment of staff resources from within the Department as well as proposals for new posts to the priority areas. These are detailed under individual programmes.

7A.11 The extrabudgetary resources under this section relate to activities in substantive areas of the Department's responsibilities. In part, those resources would be utilized for financing the extrabudgetary posts programmed for the biennium 1996-1997 in the context of the substantive activities.

7A.12 The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources of the Department would be as follows:

		Regular budget	Extrabudgetary
		(percentage)	
A.	Policy-making organs	5.8	—
B.	Executive direction and management	7.5	—
C.	Programme of work	78.5	96.8
D.	Programme support	8.2	3.2
	Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

7A.13 The distribution of the resources under the section described in detail in tables 7A.1 to 7A.3 below.

Table 7A.1 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme		1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
				Amount	Percentage			
A.	Policy-making organs	1 554.9	6 221.5	(3 853.0)	(61.9)	2 368.5	108.5	2 477.0
B.	Executive direction and management	2 066.1	2 199.7	866.7	39.4	3 066.4	106.2	3 172.6
C.	Programme of work	35 887.5	36 560.5	(4 494.3)	(12.2)	32 066.2	1 845.2	33 911.4
D.	Programme support	2 912.1	3 107.8	213.7	6.8	3 321.5	149.6	3 471.1
	Total	**42 420.6**	**48 089.5**	**(7 266.9)**	**(15.1)**	**40 822.6**	**2 209.5**	**43 032.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
—	185.2	(a) Services in support of: Extrabudgetary activities	370.4
		(b) Substantive activities	
33.4	436.3	Voluntary Fund for Assisting Small Island Developing States and the Least Developed Countries to Participate in the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and its Preparatory Process	—
.	129.8	Trust Fund for the Global Conference on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States	—
217.4	1 560.5	Trust Fund for the World Summit for Social Development	—
162.6	3 805.4	Trust Fund for Preparatory Activities for the Fourth World Conference on Women	—
—	492.0	Trust Fund for Support of the Work of the Commission on Sustainable Development	640.6

	1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			United Nations Trust Fund for Case-Studies on the Functioning of the Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System	
	209.8	318.9		250.0
	191.2	121.5	Trust Fund for Social Development	80.0
	847.3	749.2	Voluntary Fund for the International Year of the Family	200.0
	25.3	50.0	United Nations Youth Fund	75.0
	404.0	87.5	Trust Fund for the Ageing	75.0
	2 533.5	898.6	United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability	685.0
	337.6	—	Trust Fund for the Monitoring, Review and Appraisal of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women	—
	555.1	4 442.0	Trust Fund for Supporting the Negotiating Process Relating to the Protection of Global Climate for Present and Future Generations of Mankind	—
	1 821.1	818.4	Voluntary Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Countries in the Negotiation Process for the Protection of Global Climate for Present and Future Generations of Mankind	—
	734.1	6 647.6	Trust Fund for Supporting the Negotiating Process on the International Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought	7 414.4
	709.4	1 600.0	Special Voluntary Fund for Supporting Developing Countries Affected by Desertification and Drought, in particular Least Developed Countries, to Participate in the Negotiation Process on the International Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought	1 800.0
			(c) Operational projects	
	—	498.6	UNFPA	518.3
Total	**8 781.8**	**22 841.5**		**12 108.7**
Total (1) and (2)	**51 202.4**	**70 931.0**		**55 140.8**

Table 7A.2 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	31 639.2	35 226.3	(2 096.6)	(5.9)	33 129.7	1 869.9	34 999.6
Other staff costs	5 297.8	3 946.7	(3 422.3)	(86.7)	524.4	25.6	550.0
Consultants and experts	1 011.6	2 045.6	(574.4)	(28.0)	1 471.2	77.4	1 548.6
Travel	2 696.1	3 950.6	(699.6)	(17.7)	3 251.0	157.4	3 408.4
Contractual services	375.8	739.5	(223.7)	(30.2)	515.8	17.4	533.2
General operating expenses	973.4	1 084.4	(248.6)	(22.9)	835.8	40.6	876.4
Supplies and materials	113.7	171.8	(64.9)	(37.7)	106.9	5.1	112.0
Equipment	168.1	268.1	63.2	23.5	331.3	16.1	347.4
Fellowships, grants, contributions	144.9	656.5	—	—	656.5	—	656.5
Total	**42 420.6**	**48 089.5**	**(7 266.9)**	**(15.1)**	**40 822.6**	**2 209.5**	**43 032.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Object of expenditure*	*1996-1997 estimates*
—	483.6	Posts	507.8
3 602.6	8 661.5	Other staff costs	3 149.8
—	1 208.2	Consultants and experts	741.0
3 434.2	9 376.7	Travel	4 956.1
164.0	873.2	Contractual services	1 054.0
188.1	198.1	General operating expenses	60.0
—	16.0	Supplies and materials	120.0
71.6	213.5	Equipment	—
1 321.3	1 810.7	Fellowships, grants, contributions	1 520.0
8 781.8	**22 841.5**		**12 108.7**
51 202.4	**70 931.0**		**55 140.8**

Table 7A.3 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Department of Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
ASG	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
D-2	5	5	—	—	—	—	5	5
D-1	15	14	—	—	—	—	15	14
P-5	26	27	—	—	1	1	27	28
P-4/3	51	51	—	—	—	—	51	51
P-2/1	17	16	—	—	—	—	17	16
Total	**115**	**114**	**1**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**117**	**115**
General Service category								
Principal level	8	8	—	—	—	—	8	8
Other levels	94	86	—	—	1	1	95	87
Total	**102**	**94**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**103**	**95**
Grand total	**217**	**208**	**1**	**—**	**2**	**2**	**220**	**210**

A. Policy-making organs

Table 7A.4 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Commission on Sustainable Development	171.4	640.8	(100.0)	(15.6)	540.8	26.3	567.1
Commission for Social Development	37.3	54.4	—	—	54.4	2.6	57.0
Commission on the Status of Women	194.6	194.5	—	—	194.5	9.5	204.0
WFC	—	89.9	—	—	89.9	4.4	94.3
Committee on Elimination of Discrimination against Women	486.3	509.2	175.0	34.3	684.2	26.4	710.6
Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development	—	123.1	—	—	123.1	6.0	129.1
Committee for Development Planning	98.9	309.9	—	—	309.9	15.1	325.0
High-level Advisory Board	—	271.7	100.0	36.8	371.7	18.2	389.9
Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States	—	484.3	(484.3)	(100.0)	—	—	—
World Summit for Social Development	64.7	1 789.0	(1 789.0)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Fourth World Conference on Women	501.7	1 754.7	(1 754.7)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Total	**1 554.9**	**6 221.5**	**(3 853.0)**	**(61.9)**	**2 368.5**	**108.5**	**2 477.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
33.4	436.3	Voluntary Fund for Assisting Small Island Developing States and the Least Developed Countries to Participate in the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and its Preparatory Process	—
—	129.8	Trust Fund for the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States	—
217.4	1 560.5	Trust Fund for the World Summit for Social Development	—
162.6	3 805.4	Trust Fund for Preparatory Activities for the Fourth World Conference on Women	—
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
413.4	**5 932.0**		—
1 968.3	**12 153.5**		**2 477.0**

7A.14 This subsection comprises resources for activities of standing intergovernmental organs and expert bodies for the servicing of which the Department will assume responsibility under its mandate, as follows.

(a) Commission on Sustainable Development

7A.15 The Commission on Sustainable Development was established as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council by Council decision 1993/207. Its functions are set out in General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992. The Commission is composed of 53 members elected for terms of office of three years, meets annually for a period of two to three weeks and receives substantive and technical services from the Department. The Commission reports to the Second Committee of the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

(b) Commission for Social Development

7A.16 The Social Commission was established as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council by Council resolution 10 (II) of 21 June 1946. As a result of a comprehensive reappraisal of the role of the Commission, the Council, in its resolution of 1139 (XLI) of 29 July 1966, renamed it the Commission for Social Development in order to clarify its role as a preparatory body of the Council in the whole range of social development policy. The Commission consists of 32 members elected by the Economic and Social Council for terms of office of four years. The Commission meets biennially for a period of eight working days.

(c) Commission on the Status of Women

7A.17 The Commission on the Status of Women was established as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council by Council resolution 11 (II) of 21 June 1946 to prepare recommendations and reports to the Council on promoting women's rights in political, economic, civil, social and educational fields and to make recommendations to it on urgent problems requiring immediate attention in the field of women's rights with the object of implementing the principle that men and women shall have equal rights, and to develop proposals to give effect to such recommendations. The terms of reference of the Commission were further expanded by the Council in its resolution 1987/22. The Commission consists of 45 members elected for a period of four years and meets annually for a period of eight working days.

(d) World Food Council

7A.18 WFC was established by the General Assembly by its resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, to function, at the ministerial or plenipotentiary level, as an organ of the United Nations and having the purposes, functions and mode of operation set forth in resolution XXII adopted by the World Food Conference on 16 November 1974. The Council reports to the Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. The members of WFC, when attending the Council's sessions, are not entitled to travel at the expense of the United Nations. However, the President of WFC and members of its Bureau acting on behalf of the Council, when maintaining contact with Governments between sessions of the Council and carrying out consultations at the regional level on food production, nutrition and investment, travel at the expense of the Organization. During the last few years, intergovernmental consultations have been held on the future of WFC and its activities were temporarily suspended. Nomination of members of WFC by the Economic and Social Council is currently in process. In view of the above developments it is proposed to maintain the provision for travel of the Council's President and members of its Bureau.

(e) Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

7A.19 The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women was established under the terms of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979. The Committee is composed of 23 experts elected by the States parties to the Convention for a term of office of four years and serving in their individual capacity. The Committee meets annually for a period of two weeks and submits its reports to the Assembly. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/17, as from 1993 the Committee meets for a three-week period until it eliminates its backlog in considering reports. Consultations are currently under way on the issue of transfer of substantive servicing of the Committee from this Department to the Centre for Human Rights. Pending a decision on the subject it is proposed to retain the budget of the Committee in this section. At its fourteenth session, held in 1995, the Committee adopted recommendations to the General Assembly to authorize the Committee to meet exceptionally in 1996 in two sessions of three weeks' duration each, each to be preceded by pre-session working groups, in order to deal with the backlog in considering reports.

(f) Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development

7A.20 The Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development was established by the Economic and Social Council by its decision 1992/218. Its terms of reference were set out by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/235 of 13 April 1992. The Committee is composed of 24 government-nominated experts, acting in their personal capacity, elected by the Council for terms of office of four years. The Committee meets biennially for two weeks.

(g) Committee for Development Planning

7A.21 The Committee for Development Planning was established by the Economic and Social Council by its resolution 1035 (XXXVII) of 15 August 1964. Its terms of reference were approved by Council resolution 1079 (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965. The Committee is composed of 24 members serving in their individual capacity who are appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Secretary-General for terms of office of three years. The Committee meets annually for a period of eight working days. By its decision 1995/215 of 10 February 1995 the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to submit nominations to the Council for reconstitution of the membership of the Committee, submit a comprehensive report on the Committee's working methods at the Council's substantive session in 1995 and to reconvene the Committee in 1995. Pending the outcome of the Council's decision on working methods of the Committee, resources for the Committee are included at maintenance level.

(h) High-level Advisory Board

7A.22 The High-level Advisory Board was established by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/191. The Board is an expert body consisting of 21 eminent members serving in their individual capacity. The broad terms of reference of the Board are set out in resolution 47/191. The Board meets semi-annually for a period of three working days each meeting. Under the terms of Assembly resolution 49/111 of 19 December 1994, the members of the Board would also participate in sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development and its inter-sessional working group meetings.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Travel

7A.23 Provisions made in connection with travel of members of functional commissions and committees of the Economic and Social Council and standing expert bodies ($2,226,500) reflect estimated requirements arising from the programme of work of these intergovernmental and expert organs as programmed for the biennium 1996-1997. Within this amount:

(a) An additional provision of $175,000 is proposed for (a) attendance of the Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, or a member designated for that purpose, at meetings of the other United Nations organs dealing with women's rights as well as meetings of chairpersons of all the treaty bodies dealing with human rights, under the terms of resolution 48/120 of 20 December 1993 ($55,000); and (b) travel of members of the Committee to attend an additional session of the Committee of three weeks' duration in 1996 to deal with the backlog in review of the reports of States parties, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee to the General Assembly made at its fourteenth session, held in 1995 ($120,000);

(b) An additional provision of $100,000 for travel of the members of the High-level Advisory Board to attend its meetings as well as sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development is proposed on the basis of actual expenditure pattern for the biennium 1994-1995. The requirement would be met through redeployment of funds from the provisions for the Commission on Sustainable Development where a reduction of $100,000 is proposed on the basis of actual expenditure patterns.

Contractual services

7A.24 The estimated requirements ($142,000) relate to provision for honoraria payments to members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women under the terms of the Convention.

B. Executive direction and management

Table 7A.5 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 864.0	1 527.9	889.6	58.2	2 417.5	99.2	2 516.7
Other staff costs	7.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consultants and experts	46.3	2.5	(2.5)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Travel	111.3	169.3	(20.4)	(12.0)	148.9	7.0	155.9
General operating expenses	31.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Supplies and materials	2.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equipment	3.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fellowships, grants, contributions	—	500.0	—	—	500.0	—	500.0
Total	**2 066.1**	**2 199.7**	**866.7**	**39.4**	**3 066.4**	**106.2**	**3 172.6**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Object of expenditure	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
Total —	—		—
Total (1) and (2) **2 066.1**	**2 199.7**		**3 172.6**

Table 7A.6 **Post requirements**

Programme: Executive direction and management

	Established posts		Temporary posts				Total	
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources			
	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	2
P-4/3	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	2
P-2/1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	**4**	**7**	—	—	—	—	**4**	**7**
General Service category								
Principal level	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other levels	5	7	—	—	—	—	5	7
Total	**5**	**8**	—	—	—	—	**5**	**8**
Grand total	**9**	**15**	—	—	—	—	**9**	**15**

7A.25 The Under-Secretary-General provides overall direction, supervision and management of the Department in the implementation of its legislative mandates in its approved programme of work, particularly in ensuring coherence and consistency of focus in the Department's work on an integrated approach to economic, social and environmental aspects of development.

7A.26 The activities of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development include the provision of policy advice to Member States and the Secretary-General on policy development issues, coordination of work from within the Department and with the United Nations entities in areas of mutual concern and support of external relations and contacts with Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations involved in intergovernmental processes serviced by the Department.

7A.27 In the context of external relations, the Department would continue to participate in the activities of the Joint United Nations Information Committee and maintain close contacts with the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Services.

7A.28 The Information Support Unit under overall guidance and supervision of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General would provide electronic information support to intergovernmental organs in the

economic and social fields serviced by the Department and also contribute to policy and standard setting in electronic information activities at the inter-agency level.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

7A.29 In addition to existing staff of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General, provision is made for the Information Support Unit. One P-5, one P-4, one P-2/1 and three General Service staff would be redeployed from other areas of the Department after consolidation and centralization of the related information support functions currently maintained at individual division level. The posts would carry responsibilities as follows:

(a) One P-5 post would be for the Head of the Unit, who would be responsible for the daily supervision of work and implementation of the programme design, information policy and coordination;

(b) One P-4 post for a systems analyst, responsible for information systems and database design and development, and office automation;

(c) One P-2/1 post for a database manager, responsible for designing, building and disseminating the electronic archive of the Department's documentation, participating in database development and managing the database;

(d) Three General Service posts, including one post at Principal level, to provide various office automation and management support services.

Travel

7A.30 The estimated requirements ($148,900) would provide for attendance by the Under-Secretary-General and his immediate staff at meetings of United Nations bodies and consultations with Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions, and for representation by the Under-Secretary-General on behalf of the Secretary-General.

Fellowships, grants, contributions

7A.31 The estimated requirements ($500,000) are for the United Nations contribution to the financing of the activities of the Non-Governmental Liaison Service.

C. Programme of work

Table 7A.7 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth: Amount	Resource growth: Percentage	Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
C. Programme of work							
1. Policy development and coordination	14 747.6	13 652.4	(3 500.2)	(25.6)	10 152.2	559.0	10 711.2
2. Sustainable development	7 331.7	6 530.5	1 458.9	22.3	7 989.4	454.8	8 444.2
3. Social development	6 803.4	6 001.7	746.6	12.4	6 748.3	370.5	7 118.8
4. Advancement of women	3 418.9	3 253.8	326.6	10.0	3 580.4	201.1	3 781.5
5. Protection of global climate	2 183.6	3 054.5	(3 054.5)	(100.0)	—	—	—
6. Combating desertification, particularly in Africa	1 402.3	4 067.6	(471.7)	(11.5)	3 595.9	259.8	3 855.7
Total	**35 887.5**	**36 560.5**	**(4 494.3)**	**(12.2)**	**32 066.2**	**1 845.2**	**33 911.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
—	492.0	Trust Fund for Support of the Work of the Commission on Sustainable Development	640.6
209.8	318.9	United Nations Trust Fund for Case-Studies on the Functioning of the Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System	250.0
191.2	121.5	Trust Fund for Social Development	80.0
847.3	749.2	Voluntary Fund for the International Year of the Family	200.0
25.3	50.0	United Nations Youth Fund	75.0
404.0	87.5	Trust Fund for the Ageing	75.0
2 533.5	898.6	United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability	685.0
337.6	—	Trust Fund for the Monitoring, Review and Appraisal of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women	—
555.1	4 442.0	Trust Fund for Supporting the Negotiating Process Relating to the Protection of Global Climate for Present and Future Generations of Mankind	—
1 821.1	818.4	Voluntary Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Countries in the Negotiation Process for the Protection of Global Climate for Present and Future Generations of Mankind	—
734.1	6 647.6	Trust Fund for Supporting the Negotiating Process on the International Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought	7 414.4
709.4	1 600.0	Special Voluntary Fund for Supporting Developing Countries Affected by Desertification and Drought, in particular Least Developed Countries, to Participate in the Negotiation Process on the International Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought	1 800.0
		(c) Operational projects	
—	498.6	UNFPA	518.3
8 368.4	**16 724.3**	**Total**	**11 738.3**
44 255.9	**53 284.8**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**45 649.7**

1. Policy development and coordination

Table 7A.8 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	12 984.0	12 203.3	(2 680.0)	(21.9)	9 523.3	534.0	10 057.3
Other staff costs	528.4	603.0	(603.0)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Consultants and experts	102.5	133.9	—	—	133.9	6.4	140.3
Travel	622.5	321.7	(61.0)	(18.9)	260.7	12.3	273.0
Contractual services	73.7	289.4	(156.2)	(53.9)	133.2	6.3	139.5
General operating expenses	297.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Supplies and materials	33.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equipment	15.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fellowships, grants, contributions	90.9	101.1	—	—	101.1	—	101.1
Total	**14 747.6**	**13 652.4**	**(3 500.2)**	**(25.6)**	**10 152.2**	**559.0**	**10 711.2**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
		United Nations Trust Fund for Case-Studies on the Functioning of the Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System	250.0
209.8	318.9		
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
209.8	**318.9**		**250.0**
14 957.4	**13 971.3**		**10 961.2**

Table 7A.9 **Post requirements**

Programme: Policy development and coordination

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	5	4	—	—	—	—	5	4
P-5	13	9	—	—	—	—	13	9
P-4/3	20	17	—	—	—	—	20	17
P-2/1	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**42**	**34**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**42**	**34**
General Service category								
Principal level	3	1	—	—	—	—	3	1
Other levels	33	26	—	—	—	—	33	26
Total	**36**	**27**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**36**	**27**
Grand total	**78**	**61**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**78**	**61**

7A.32 The legislative authority for the activities under this programme derives from programme 11, Policy development and coordination, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised.

7A.33 During the biennium 1996-1997, the programme will focus on (a) developing policy approaches, concepts, frameworks and courses of action for assisting intergovernmental and inter-agency bodies in ensuring the effective implementation of activities in the economic and social fields, as well as in promoting interorganizational collaboration and cooperation in areas of common concern within the United Nations system, particularly through studies and reports prepared for and submitted to intergovernmental and inter-agency bodies; (b) providing overall orientation and coordinating substantive support for the preparation of inputs to the Economic and Social Council and, in particular, its high-level and coordination segments; (c) promoting initiatives, policy options and alternative courses of action that would facilitate progress in the international dialogue and consensus-building on economic and social issues; (d) assisting intergovernmental and inter-agency bodies by developing system-wide approaches and programmes for the coordinated implementation of policy directives and legislative mandates, particularly through preparation of studies, reports and system-wide medium-term plans in close cooperation and consultation with organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system; (e) providing substantive support and technical support services to intergovernmental and inter-agency bodies and meetings; (f) providing guidance on the translation of intergovernmental directives into substantive policies and programmes; (g) providing support for the coordinated implementation of major United Nations declarations, strategies, programmes of action and global events, as well as the preparation of relevant policy reports of the Secretary-General; (h) carrying out related activities with respect to the triennial policy review of operational activities; and (i) strengthening coordination of the activities of the United Nations system to achieve United Nations objectives in the field of hunger and malnutrition.

7A.34 The programme would consist of three subprogrammes. There is no priority designation among subprogrammes. Within the programme of work, the estimated percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	Extra-budgetary
	(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1 Overall policy development and coordination of United Nations activities in the economic and social sectors	67.6	–
Subprogramme 2 System-wide programming and inter-agency coordination	20.6	–
Subprogramme 3 Operational activities for development	11.8	100.0
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

7A.35 The programme would be implemented by the Policy Coordination and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division.

7A.36 The programme aims at a clearer division of responsibilities between substantive organizational units of the Department in specific areas such as overall policy coordination, system-wide coordination and sustainable and social development. In line with this reorganization the resource distribution reflects redeployment of staff and other resources from this Division to the Division on Sustainable Development and the Division for Social Policy and Development, as well as between subprogrammes.

Subprogramme 1
Overall policy development and coordination of United Nations activities in the economic and social sectors

7A.37 The principal focus of the work under this subprogramme is to provide support for central coordinating and policy-making functions, vested in the Economic and Social Council, as well as the Second Committee of the General Assembly.

7A.38 During the biennium 1996-1997, substantive support will continue to be provided to the high-level and coordination segments of the Economic and Social Council, including the preparation of the reports and the identification of themes, as well as to its subsidiary bodies, as required, and to the General Assembly, particularly to its Second Committee. Substantive support will also be provided to the intergovernmental process in the context of the World Hearings on the United Nations Agenda for Development on selected topics, as required. In addition, the follow-up to legislative action on the agenda for development and coordination of the implementation of declarations, strategies and programmes of action adopted by major United Nations conferences in the economic and social fields will be an essential component in order to achieve policy coherence and an integrated approach to the economic, social and environmental aspects of development.

Activities

1. International cooperation

(a) *External relations*. Cooperation with the academic and research community, non-governmental organizations and regional organizations such as OECD, EU, OAU, OAS, LAS, OIC, ASEAN, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Council, the International Organization of Consumer Unions, the International Standardization Organization and others on current and emerging issues in the economic and social fields of concern to the international community, including the issue of consumer

protection in order to achieve an integrated approach to an important cross-sectoral issue, leading to sustainable consumption patterns as envisaged in Agenda 21.

2. *Parliamentary services*

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*

(i) Seven reports to the General Assembly on selected major policy issues that call for concerted international action (annual); follow-up reports on an agenda for development (annual); progress in the implementation by the United Nations system of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade; and follow-up reports on the renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (annual);

(ii) Ten reports to the Economic and Social Council on themes under its agenda: two reports submitted to the high-level segment (annual), four reports to be submitted to the coordination segment (two per year), and four follow-up reports to be submitted to the coordination segment on prior year themes (two per year);

(iii) Preparation of the draft provisional agendas for meetings of the Economic and Social Council, preparation and assistance in the preparation, drafting and issuance of draft provisional agendas and annotations thereto for other intergovernmental bodies in the economic and social fields, and contribution in the formulation of, and annotations to, the provisional agenda of the General Assembly in respect of economic and social matters;

(b) *Substantive services*. (i) General Assembly, in particular its Second Committee, and, as required, its Third Committee (annual); and (ii) Economic and Social Council (annual);

(c) *Technical (secretariat) services*. Provision of technical secretariat servicing of the General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies with regard to economic and social matters, the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies headquartered in New York and ad hoc bodies and special conferences dealing with economic and social matters, including planning, forecasting and monitoring of documentation in the economic, social and related fields and ensuring necessary clearances of documents by departments and offices concerned; editing of all documentation for the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, in-session documentation for the Second and the Third Committees of the General Assembly and for the Administrative Committee on Coordination (as appropriate).

(d) *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work*. One ad hoc expert group meeting on the financial service sector.

3. *Operational activities*

Two regional seminars on consumer protection.

4. *Coordination, harmonization and liaison*

Coordination and collaboration with organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system regarding the preparation of reports to the high-level and coordination segments of the Economic and Social Council, the relevant policy reports of the Secretary-General and the report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection.

Subprogramme 2
System-wide programming and inter-agency coordination

7A.39 The main focus of this subprogramme is to provide substantive support to intergovernmental and inter-agency bodies on coordination issues in the economic and social fields and to the Committee on

Non-Governmental Organizations in effective liaison between the United Nations and the non-governmental organization community in the economic and social areas.

7A.40 In the biennium 1996-1997, the subprogramme will continue to focus on contribution in inter-agency affairs and support for non-governmental organizations in their interaction with the United Nations. More specifically the subprogramme will be oriented towards establishing and developing procedures for achieving guidelines, directives and priorities emanating from the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council for integrating into a coherent whole the relevant expertise and inputs of the organizations of the United Nations system, and facilitating the functioning of the machinery of the Administrative Committee on Coordination by providing, or coordinating, as appropriate, substantive and technical support to the Committee and to relevant elements of its subsidiary machinery.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Acting as focal point of the United Nations system for the maintenance of the *Macrothesaurus* and representation of the United Nations system in the joint United Nations/OECD *Macrothesaurus* Advisory Committee; cooperation with regional organizations such as OAU, OAS, LAS, OECD and EU on issues of economic and social development; liaison with 1,550 non-governmental organizations that are presently in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and assistance in the coordination of their activities, acting as focal point for the non-governmental organizations in their relations with intergovernmental bodies and the Secretariat; and contribution in biannual meetings of the Board of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status, which is itself in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*

(i) Eight reports to the General Assembly on a global strategy for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS (annual); on the World Decade for Cultural Development; the activities of the World Commission for Culture and Development; the implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (annual); and notes containing comments of either the Secretary-General or the Administrative Committee on Coordination on reports of the Unit (annual);

(ii) Six reports to the Economic and Social Council on the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination (annual); the overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (annual); and report on the triennial review of the consolidated list of products whose consumption and/or sale have been banned, withdrawn, severely restricted or not approved by Governments (annual);

(iii) Two reports to the Committee on Programme and Coordination on the revision of the system-wide plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001; and programmes and resources of the United Nations system for the biennium 1996-1997;

(iv) Reports to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations;

(b) *Substantive services*. Substantive servicing of the Economic and Social Council, the Committee on Programme and Coordination, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its Organizational Committee, the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions, the joint meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination and technical servicing of the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development.

3. Published material

(a) *Two recurrent publications. Consolidated List of Products Whose Consumption and/or Sale have been Banned, Withdrawn, Severely Restricted or Not Approved by Governments* (7th and 8th issues);

(b) *Technical material*. Calendar of meetings open to the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (annual).

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Contribution to activities of the Inter-Agency Steering Committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for the World Decade for Cultural Development and liaison with WFP in relation to food issues.

Subprogramme 3
Operational activities for development

7A.41 The overall objective of the subprogramme is the provision of support to the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council with regard to the formulation and execution of recommendations aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness, coherence and coordination of operational activities, particularly those financed on a grant basis in support of development efforts at the country level and strengthening integration with national efforts through such approaches as country strategy notes, a programme approach and national execution.

7A.42 In the biennium 1996-1997, activities will focus on two principal functions: (a) promoting and strengthening cooperation within the United Nations system in implementation of operational activities; and (b) preparation of substantive, research and evaluation reports to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly on the implementation of the reforms of operational activities, financial issues and issues arising from deliberations of the relevant intergovernmental bodies.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Eight reports to the Economic and Social council on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions emerging from the triennial policy review of operational activities for development by the General Assembly (annual); comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development (annual); action taken by the organizations of the United Nations system on progress on the implementation of the resolution on the triennial policy review (annual); and actions taken by the executive boards of the United Nations funds and programmes (annual).

2. Substantive services

Substantive servicing of the Economic and Social Council and the Administrative Committee on Coordination Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions on operational activity issues.

3. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Collaboration with the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, particularly regarding the preparation of the reports to the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on issues of a system-wide nature. Contribution in meetings of the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions and its working groups, and other subsidiary bodies of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, as appropriate, including the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Nutrition.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

7A.43 The estimated requirements comprise 34 posts in the Professional category and above and 27 General Service posts, including one at the Principal level. The reduction in resources as compared with the biennium 1994-1995 reflects the net effect of the reorganization of the activities under the programme, in particular in the area of policy development. A number of posts would be redeployed to the Sustainable

Development Division (one D-1, two P-5, one P-3 and three General Service posts) and the Division for Social Policy and Development (one D-1, one P-5, one P-4 and one General Service posts).

Other staff costs

7A.44 The provision for the technical servicing of the WFC meetings ($603,000) will be discontinued. It related to costs of the Council's meetings at Rome, including costs of translation and interpretation.

Consultants and experts

7A.45 The provision ($133,900) is for outside expertise in connection with the issues of implementation of the activities on consumer protection, specific subjects in the context of system-wide activities and various themes in the context of the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development ($102,800) and for one ad hoc expert group meeting on the financial service sector ($31,100).

Travel

7A.46 The estimated requirements ($260,700) comprise a provision for travel of staff to participate in inter-agency meetings and consultations with United Nations organs and outside organizations and institutions on issues under the programme of work and for travel of staff for substantive and technical servicing of meetings of the Economic and Social Council, its subsidiary organs and the other United Nations and United Nations system meetings.

Contractual services

7A.47 A provision of $133,200 is required for contractual editing of the technical papers emanating from three United Nations cartographic conferences.

Fellowships, grants, contributions

7A.48 The amount of $101,100 represents the United Nations contribution to the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Nutrition under the terms of Economic and Social Council resolution 2107 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977. The costs of the Subcommittee's operation are shared among its member organizations and the Department would participate in those costs on behalf of the United Nations.

2. Sustainable development

Table 7.10 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	3 861.8	5 937.5	1 469.4	24.7	7 406.9	426.9	7 833.8
Other staff costs	2 879.0	150.5	(150.5)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Consultants and experts	120.7	268.6	100.0	37.2	368.6	18.2	386.8
Travel	351.0	112.6	40.0	35.5	152.6	7.0	159.6
Contractual services	—	61.3	—	—	61.3	2.7	64.0
General operating expenses	102.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Supplies and materials	16.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**7 331.7**	**6 530.5**	**1 458.9**	**22.3**	**7 989.4**	**454.8**	**8 444.2**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
—	492.0	Trust Fund for Support of the Work of the Commission on Sustainable Development	640.6
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
—	498.6	UNFPA	518.3
Total	**—**	**990.6**	**1 158.9**
Total (1) and (2)	**7 331.7**	**7 521.1**	**9 603.1**

Table 7A.11 **Post requirements**

Programme: Sustainable development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
P-5	6	9	—	—	1	1	7	10
P-4/3	8	11	—	—	—	—	8	11
P-2/1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Total	**21**	**27**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**22**	**28**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	2
Other levels	14	16	—	—	1	1	15	17
Total	**15**	**18**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**16**	**19**
Grand total	**36**	**45**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**	**38**	**47**

7A.49 The activities under this heading relate to programmes 19, Natural resources, 20, Energy, and 46, Sustainable development, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised. They are grouped under this heading due to their interrelation in the context of implementation of Agenda 21 and overall responsibility of the Department, namely of its Division for Sustainable Development for their implementation. The estimated percentage distribution of the resources under this heading between the programmes involved would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Programme A. Sustainable development	75.8	100.0
Programme B. Natural resources	7.4	—
Programme C. Energy	16.8	—
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Programme A
Sustainable development

7A.50 In the biennium 1996-1997, the primary focus will be on providing substantive support to the Commission on Sustainable Development and its Bureau during regular sessions and inter-sessional meetings and activities. Priority attention will be given to monitoring, coordinating and preparing reports on the implementation of Agenda 21 and fostering actions and policies at the internal, regional and national levels aimed at achieving sustainable development. In that context the Commission will be assisted in reviewing national reports and reports of regional organizations and relevant reports of international organizations on their activities on Agenda 21, monitoring and reviewing financial aspects, consumption and production patterns and other sectoral and cross-sectoral issues of Agenda 21.

7A.51 Another priority area of work will be monitoring the implementation of the Programme of Action approved by the United Nations Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. In that area the Secretariat will (a) provide substantive secretariat support to intergovernmental and inter-agency processes related to monitoring, review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; (b) act as a liaison and focal point for Governments, organs, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system, as well as other relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on matters related to the follow-up to the Conference and the implementation of the Programme of Action; (c) prepare reports to be submitted to the Commission and other relevant bodies on the implementation of the Programme of Action drawing on the inputs from all appropriate sources; and (d) provide support, as appropriate, to other activities emanating from the Programme of Action.

7A.52 Substantive support will also be provided to the High-level Advisory Board, and to the Committee for Development Planning. Preparatory activities for the special session of the General Assembly in 1997 as envisaged in Assembly resolution 47/190 of 22 December 1992 to conduct an overall review of the progress achieved in the implementation of Agenda 21 and substantive servicing of that session will also be undertaken.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Liaison and collaboration with Governments, intergovernmental organizations, such as OECD, regional development banks, regional and subregional intergovernmental organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations, professional, scientific and technical associations, and business, on matters to be dealt with by the Commission on Sustainable Development.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*

(i) *Six reports to the General Assembly.* Overview report and comprehensive analytical report for the period 1993-1997 on progress made in the implementation of Agenda 21; on the implementation of the Programme of Action on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (annual); and on donor activities in support of the Programme of Action on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (annual);

(ii) One overview report to the special session of the General Assembly in 1997 on overall progress achieved in the implementation of Agenda 21 since its adoption;

(iii) One report of the Economic and Social Council on follow-up of coordination of science and technology activities within the United Nations system;

(iv) *Twenty reports to the Commission on Sustainable Development.* Eight reports on the progress made on the implementation of Agenda 21 with respect to critical elements of sustainability and finance; six reports on other cross-sectoral chapters of Agenda 21; two reports on the cluster of atmosphere, oceans and all kinds of seas (chapters 9 and 17 of Agenda 21); report on the overall review of sectoral chapters of Agenda 21; two reports on the development of vulnerability indices for small island developing States; and two reports for the high-level segment of the Commission on main policy issues relating to sustainable development;

(v) Eight background reports for the Committee for Development Planning on issues under its mandate;

(vi) Eight background papers for the High-level Advisory Board on topics to be taken up by the Board;

(b) *Substantive services.* Substantive servicing of the General Assembly (Second Committee), the special session of the General Assembly in 1997, the Commission on Sustainable Development and inter-sessional working groups of the Commission (annually), the Committee for Development Planning and the High-level Advisory Board;

(c) *Three ad hoc expert group meetings*. Indicators for sustainable development (in coordination with the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis; (ii) sustainable development law; and (iii) consumption patterns.

3. Published material

(a) *Two recurrent publications. Newsletter, CSD Update* (12 issues), activities of the Committee for Development Planning and the High-level Advisory Board (annual);

(b) *Nine non-recurrent publications*. Results of the Commission's inter-sessional meetings and activities (annual); analysis of national reports (annual); major events related to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development follow-up (annually in cooperation with the Department of Public Information); report on the work to produce indicators of sustainable development; comprehensive review of Agenda 21 at the special session of the General Assembly in 1997; and comprehensive report in CD-ROM format under consideration as a companion production to the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development CD-ROM (published jointly by the United Nations and the International Development Research Centre, Canada).

4. Information materials and services

Information kits on activities of the Commission on Sustainable Development and visual materials on activities of the United Nations in the field of sustainable development.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Contribution activities and substantive servicing of the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development and its task managers' meetings; coordination of the follow-up to the Global Conference on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the implementation of the Programme of Action adopted at the Conference through the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development; liaison and cooperation with secretariats of international conventions related to sustainable development and the implementation of Agenda 21 (i.e. the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the International Convention to Combat Desertification and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer); and coordination with specialized agencies on issues of science and technology policy within the United Nations system.

Programme B
Natural resources

7A.53 The Division for Sustainable Development is responsible for implementation of subprogramme 1. Coordination in the field of water resources, of programme 19, Natural resources, of the medium-term plan for the biennium 1992-1997, as revised.

Subprogramme 1
Coordination in the field of water resources

7A.54 In the biennium 1996-1997, the assistance to the Committee on Natural Resources, the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Water Resources will continue, in particular in such areas as a comprehensive assessment of the world freshwater resources, coordination of their development, utilization and management with a view of formulating policy guidelines.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Two reports to the Committee on Natural Resources on activities of the organizations of the United Nations system in the field of water resources and on the state of the world's freshwater resources; and a report to the Commission on Sustainable Development on a comprehensive assessment of the freshwater resources of the world;

(b) *Substantive services.* Substantive servicing of the Committee on Natural Resources and the Commission on Sustainable Development.

2. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Contribution in the activities and servicing of annual sessions of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Water Resources and its working groups.

Programme C
Energy

7A.55 The Division for Sustainable Development is responsible for implementation of subprogrammes 1, Monitoring and analysis of global energy trends and prospects and their impact on development and environment, 2, Promotion of sustainable energy exploration and development in developing countries, and 3, Furthering the development and use of new and renewable sources of energy, of programme 20, Energy. All these subprogrammes are designated high priority.

Subprogramme 1
Monitoring and analysis of global energy trends and prospects and their impact on development and environment

7A.56 In the biennium 1996-1997, emphasis will be put on analysis of the interrelationship of energy, economic and social development and the environment and the impact of new national policies, as well as the intensification of efforts in promoting international energy cooperation with particular reference to the growing needs of the developing world for energy and electricity.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Liaison with relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on the issues of global energy developments, energy consumption and trade.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Two reports to the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development on the efficient use of energy and materials: progress, policies and coordination, and on energy and the protection of the atmosphere;

(b) *Substantive services.* Substantive servicing of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development;

(c) *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work.* One ad hoc expert group meeting on global energy supply and demand prospects.

Subprogramme 2
Promotion of sustainable energy exploration and development in developing countries

7A.57 In the biennium 1996-1997, the activities will continue to focus on monitoring, collecting and analysing information on energy exploration and development activities in the developing countries with a view to promoting foreign direct investments to their Energy sector, reorganizing their energy enterprises and promoting new policies, including privatization, competitive pricing and environmental incentives and regulations in the light of decisions taken by the Committee at its first session. Substantive support to and servicing of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development, as well as related work for the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Economic and Social Council, will continue.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Liaison with governmental and non-governmental organizations at national, regional and international levels on issues of sustainable energy exploration and development activities, and related energy financing and arrangements.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. (i) One report to the Economic and Social Council on energy exploration and development trends in developing countries; (ii) one report to the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development on innovative mechanisms for the financing of energy for sustainable development; and (iii) inputs on relevant chapters of Agenda 21 for the reports to the Commission on Sustainable Development at its fourth and fifth sessions;

(b) *Substantive activities*: (i) Economic and Social Council; (ii) Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development; and (iii) Commission on Sustainable Development;

(c) *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work*. One ad hoc expert group on ways and means to facilitate sustainable energy exploration and development activities in developing countries.

Subprogramme 3
Furthering the development and use of new and renewable sources of energy

7A.58 In the biennium 1996-1997, the monitoring and evaluation of progress in the context of the Nairobi Programme of Action will continue with emphasis on those sources of energy which have already proved their technical and economic viability as well as other new and renewable sources of energy such as biomass with a view of providing the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development with relevant recommendations.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Liaison with relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on the development and use of new and renewable sources of energy in the context of implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action.

2. *Parliamentary services*

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* One report to the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development on renewable sources of energy: progress, policies and coordination;

(b) *Substantive services.* Substantive servicing of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

7A.59 The staff resources required for implementation of activities in the area of sustainable development will comprise 27 posts in the Professional category and above and 18 General Service posts. The increase represents a net result of:

(a) Redeployment to this Division of one D-1, two P-5, one P-3 and three General Service posts from the activities relating to policy development, resulting from their reorganization;

(b) Establishment of one P-5 and one P-4 post for the follow-up to the Global Conference on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. Follow-up in 1995 is being undertaken through the use of general temporary assistance funds;

(c) Establishment of one P-3 post to strengthen the capacity of the Division in coordination of inputs of governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and major groups in the implementation of Agenda 21, in particular, through the preparation of workshops and other activities.

Other staff costs

7A.60 The provision of $150,500 for general temporary assistance, which was approved by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session for follow-up to the Global Conference on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, could be discontinued in connection with the proposed creation of one P-5 and one P-4 posts.

Consultants and experts

7A.61 The estimated resources ($368,600), including an increase of $100,000 for resource growth, will consist of $204,100 for consultants in connection with research and preparation of documents on specific sectoral and cross-sectoral issues of Agenda 21 and specific reports in the context of the follow-up to the Global Conference on Small Island Developing States and $164,500 for five ad hoc expert group meetings.

Travel

7A.62 The estimated requirements ($152,600), including an increase of $40,000, redeployed from policy development activities, are for travel of staff for consultations and collection of information and data in the context of preparation of documents for the Commission on Sustainable Development and attendance at meetings of the United Nations and other organs, including Administrative Committee on Coordination subsidiary organs, dealing with sustainable development.

Contractual services

7A.63 The estimated requirements ($61,300) are for the production of documents and publications relating to the activities of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

3. Social development

Table 7A.12 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	6 443.0	5 563.9	577.8	10.3	6 141.7	344.2	6 485.9
Other staff costs	16.3	—	169.2	—	169.2	8.3	177.5
Consultants and experts	93.1	186.7	—	—	186.7	8.7	195.4
Travel	75.7	78.4	—	—	78.4	3.7	82.1
Contractual services	89.8	116.9	—	—	116.9	5.6	122.5
General operating expenses	3.8	0.4	(0.4)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Equipment	27.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fellowships, grants, contributions	54.0	55.4	—	—	55.4	—	55.4
Total	**6 803.4**	**6 001.7**	**746.6**	**12.4**	**6 748.3**	**370.5**	**7 118.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
		(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
191.2	121.5	Trust Fund for Social Development	80.0
		Voluntary Fund for the International	
847.3	749.2	Year of the Family	200.0
25.3	50.0	United Nations Youth Fund	75.0
404.0	87.5	Trust Fund for the Ageing	75.0
2 533.5	898.6	United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability	685.0
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
4 001.3	**1 906.8**	**Total**	**1 115.0**
10 804.7	**7 908.5**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**8 233.8**

Table 7A.13 **Post requirements**

Programme: Social development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	2
P-5	2	3	—	—	—	—	2	3
P-4/3	11	12	—	—	—	—	11	12
P-2/1	7	6	—	—	—	—	7	6
Total	22	24	—	—	—	—	22	24
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other levels	14	15	—	—	—	—	14	15
Total	**15**	**16**	—	—	—	—	**15**	**16**
Grand total	**37**	**40**	—	—	—	—	**37**	**40**

7A.64 The activities relate to programme 25, Global social issues and policies, and programme 26, Social integration. They will be implemented by the Division for Social Policy and Development.

7A.65 The estimated percentage distribution of resources among programmes A and B would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Programme A. Global social issues and policies	48.0	25.0
Programme B. Social integration	52.0	75.0
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Programme A
Global social issues and policies

7A.66 The main thrust in the implementation of the programme will be to promote international awareness of social issues by policy analyses and dissemination of information in order to provide the basis for improved policy design and follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and its three core issues, poverty, employment and social integration. Policies to address poverty issues will also be developed in the context of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996).

7A.67 The estimated percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1. Analysis of emerging social issues	9.0	—
Subprogramme 2. Social policy design, planning and coordination	36.0	5.0
Subprogramme 3. Families in the development process	18.0	72.0
Subprogramme 4. Strategies for poverty eradication	37.0	23.0
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Subprogramme 4 has been designated high priority.

Subprogramme 1
Analysis of emerging social issues

7A.68 In the biennium 1996-1997, policy analyses of global development issues and trends will be carried out from a social perspective in order to assist intergovernmental bodies, Governments and other actors of social development to respond efficiently in their implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and the Programme of Action. Activities carried out under the subprogramme will also provide analytical support to technical cooperation activities in the field of social policy and development.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Liaison with relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on issues under the programme of work.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. One report to the Commission for Social Development on global trends and issues identified by the World Summit for Social Development and of concern to the Commission;

(b) *Substantive services*. Commission for Social Development.

3. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Contribution to the activities of the relevant bodies of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on issues relating to the coordination and monitoring of social policies and programmes.

Subprogramme 2
Social policy design, planning and coordination

7A.69 In the biennium 1996-1997, activities will focus on promoting the social perspective on development through effective integration of social objectives in policy-making and policy implementation in line with the commitments and recommendations of the World Summit for Social Development.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Liaison with relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the areas of social policy design, planning, coordination and evaluation, social welfare administration and social work.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. One report to the General Assembly on the integration of social objectives in policy-making and implementation, and one report to the Commission for Social Development on the organization and administration of social services;

(b) *Substantive servicing*. General Assembly (Third Committee) and the Commission for Social Development;

(c) One ad hoc expert group on the integration of social objectives in policy-making and implementation.

3. Published materials

One non-recurrent publication. Integration of social objectives in policy-making and implementation at the national and local levels.

Subprogramme 3
Families in the development process

7A.70 In the biennium 1996-1997, the orientation of the subprogramme will be to assist Member States and civil society in the follow-up to the Year and the implementation of a plan of action on families, so that global efforts and national capacities to deal with family issues are further strengthened.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. One report to the General Assembly through the Commission for Social Development on families and development issues, covering the implementation of the plan of action on families, and a note to the General Assembly to update the report.

2. Published material

(a) *One recurrent publication. Bulletin on families and development* (three issues per year);

(b) *Two non-recurrent publications*. Building family-friendly societies: report of the interregional meeting on national institutional arrangements regarding families and development;

(c) *Technical material*. Computerized database of global information on families.

3. Information materials and services

One report reproducing the plan of action on families; three pamphlets intended to publicize and promote the plan of action on families and the follow-up to the International Year of the Family, and to promote the International Day of Families (15 May; annual) and two posters, on the International Day of Families (annual).

4. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services*. Assistance to Governments and national institutions on the long-term follow-up to the International Year of the Family and the implementation of the plan of action on families;

(b) *Group training*. Interregional meeting on national institutional arrangements regarding families and development.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Liaison with organizations of the United Nations system on families and development issues, and contributions to the inter-agency task force on capacity-building and empowering families.

Subprogramme 4
Strategies for poverty eradication

7A.71 In the biennium 1996-1997, activities will assist Governments to assess trends in poverty levels, to identify specific causes of poverty and to exchange experience in evaluating the effectiveness of policies at the national and international levels aimed at eradicating extreme poverty and reducing overall poverty in the context of the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development. Support will be provided for the observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996) and its follow-up.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Liaison with relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the context of observance and follow-up to the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) Parliamentary documentation. One report to the General Assembly on follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty; and a report to the Commission for Social Development on the implementation of the recommendation of the World Summit for Social Development and the achievements of the International Year and the proposed follow-up;

(b) One ad hoc expert group on poverty eradication strategies and use of targets in national and international strategies.

3. Published materials

Recurrent publications. Four newsletters on issues of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty.

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Liaison with agencies and programmes of the United Nations system in connection with the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty.

Programme B
Social integration

7A.72 Activities will focus on analysis and formulation of policy options concerning the entitlements and capabilities of specific social groups for achieving improvement in their well-being and their participation in development in the context of implementation of the decision of the General Assembly on the outcome of the World Social Summit.

7A.73 The estimated percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	Extra-budgetary
	(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1. Youth policies and programmes	20.0	13.0
Subprogramme 2. Ageing policies and programmes	27.0	5.0
Subprogramme 3. Disability policies and programmes	27.0	82.0
Subprogramme 4. Social institutions and development	26.0	–
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Subprogramme 1
Youth policies and programmes

7A.74 In the biennium 1996-1997, activities will aim at implementing the International Youth Year strategy within the framework of the World Youth Programme of Action. Priority will be accorded to the setting of targets in the priority areas of the Programme of Action.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Liaison with relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on implementation of the Programme of Action.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. One report to the General Assembly and one report to the Commission for Social Development on a review and appraisal of the implementation of International Youth Year objectives.

3. Published material

Recurrent publications. Eight issues of *Youth Newsletter.*

4. Operational activities

Assistance to Governments in strengthening national capacities in relevant youth activities.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Liaison with agencies and programmes of the United Nations system on activities in the areas concerning youth.

Subprogramme 2
Ageing policies and programmes

7A.75 Activities in the biennium 1996-1997 will concentrate on preparations for the International Year of Older Persons to be observed in 1999 and the quadrennial review of the implementation of the provisions of the International Plan of Action on Ageing.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Liaison with relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, in particular regarding preparations for the International Year of Older Persons.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. One report to the General Assembly (fifty-second session) on the progress in preparation for the International Year of Older Persons and one report to the Commission for Social Development (thirty-fifth session) on the fourth review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing.

3. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications*. Six issues of *Ageing Newsletter;*

(b) *One non-recurrent publication*. World ageing situation.

4. Operational activities

Field projects. Projects in the area of integration of ageing into development.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Liaison with agencies and programmes of the United Nations system in the areas of activities concerning ageing; and contribution in inter-agency meetings in connection with preparations for the International Year of Older Persons to be observed in 1999.

Subprogramme 3
Disability policies and programmes

7A.76 In the biennium 1996-1997, the activities will focus on the monitoring of the implementation of the Standard Rules, including support for the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the third review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and support for an enhanced disability component in technical cooperation programmes, both bilateral and multilateral.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Liaison with relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on the implementation of the World Programme of Action.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. One report to the General Assembly on progress achieved and obstacles encountered in the implementation of the World Programme of Action.

3. Published material

(a) *One recurrent publication*. Six issues of *Disability Newsletter*.

(b) *Technical material*. Further development of the Clearing-House on Disability-Related Activities (CLEAR).

4. Operational activities

Substantive support for technical cooperation projects and programmes in the integration of disabled persons into development.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Liaison with agencies and programmes of the United Nations system on the activities relating to the implementation of the World Programme of Action.

Subprogramme 4
Social institutions and development

7A.77 In the context of implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and the Programme of Action, activities during 1996-1997 will focus on the monitoring and evaluation of issues and trends in institutional development and the assessment of their impact on social integration and development. Attention will be given to the issues of devolution and decentralization, forms of partnership between Governments, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, communities and other participatory institutions. Attention will be given to the strengthening and improvement of national capacities and institutional capabilities for social integration, including capacities of specialized non-governmental organizations.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Liaison with relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on issues under the programme of work.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* One report to the General Assembly through the Commission for Social Development on implementation of the recommendations of the World Summit for Social Development regarding the strengthening of social institutions for enhanced social integration; and one report to the General Assembly on cooperatives;

(b) One ad hoc expert group meeting on the contribution of cooperatives and farmers' organizations to achievement of the goals of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty.

3. Published material

(a) *One recurrent publication. Social Development Newsletter* (two issues per year);

(b) *Two non-recurrent publications.* Experience with the development and implementation of policies for the strengthening of institutions for social integration in the context of social diversity; and review of the role of cooperatives in the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty.

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Liaison with agencies and programmes of the United Nations system on issues under the programme of work; and contribution in activities of the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives, including its task force on the improvement of statistics on and for cooperatives.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

7A.78 The estimated staff requirements for the activities under consideration will comprise 24 posts in the Professional category and above and 16 General Service posts, representing an increase over the resources of the biennium 1994-1995 of 5 Professional and 3 General Service posts. The increase is the net result of the following:

(a) Redeployment of four posts (one D-2, one P-3 and two General Service posts) to Headquarters from the United Nations Office at Vienna, following the integration of the activities relating to families into the work programme of the Division. In that context it is proposed to utilize the D-2 post for the Director of the Division, whose functions are currently implemented by the Coordinator for the World Summit for Social Development;

(b) Redeployment to the Division for Social Policy and Development of one D-1, one P-5, one P-4 and one General Service posts from the area of the policy development activities, following their reorganization.

Other staff costs

7A.79 The estimates requirements under this heading ($169,200) relate to 24 work-months of general temporary assistance funds at P-4 level to supplement the permanent capacity of the Division in dealing with activities on poverty eradication.

Consultants and experts

7A.80 The estimated requirements ($186,700) relate to specialized expertise and assistance in the preparation of reports, servicing ad hoc group meetings and preparation of publications under the work programme.

Travel

7A.81 The estimated requirements ($78,400) are for travel of staff to attend meetings of the Economic and Social Council in 1997, meetings of the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives, as well as other meetings and consultancy missions in the context of the work programme.

Contractual services

7A.82 The requirements ($116,900) are for issuance of the bulletins and newsletters and other recurrent and non-recurrent publications under the programme of work.

Fellowships, grants, contributions

7A.83 The estimated requirements ($55,400) relate to the United Nations share of the costs of the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives under the terms of Economic and Social Council resolution 1688 (LII) of 2 June 1972 and General Assembly resolution 39/236 of 18 December 1984.

4. Advancement of women

Table 7A.14 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	3 126.5	2 938.7	266.6	9.0	3 205.3	183.9	3 389.2
Other staff costs	12.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consultants and experts	131.9	132.0	60.0	45.4	192.0	9.0	201.0
Travel	82.1	120.7	—	—	120.7	5.4	126.1
Contractual services	66.3	62.4	—	—	62.4	2.8	65.2
Total	**3 418.9**	**3 253.8**	**326.6**	**10.0**	**3 580.4**	**201.1**	**3 781.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	—
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for the Monitoring, Review and Appraisal of the Nairobi Forward-looking	
337.6	—	Strategies to the Advancement of Women	—
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
337.6	**—**		**—**
3 756.5	**3 253.8**		**3 781.5**

Table 7A.15 **Post requirements**

Programme: Advancement of women

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
D-1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-5	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-4/3	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
P-2/1	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
Total	**12**	**13**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**12**	**13**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other levels	6	6	—	—	—	—	6	6
Total	**7**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**7**	**7**
Grand total	**19**	**20**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**19**	**20**

7A.84 The activities fall under programme 27, Advancement of women. The activities will aim at (a) developing general measures for implementation of the Programme of Action adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women; and (b) assisting State parties in the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and promoting further adhesions to the Convention. The programme may require revision on the basis of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women. It will be implemented by the Division for the Advancement of Women.

7A.85 The estimated percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1 Equality	29.9	9.1
Subprogramme 2 Development	25.4	26.7
Subprogramme 3 Peace	7.4	—
Subprogramme 4 Monitoring, review and appraisal of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women	37.3	64.2
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Subprogramme 4 has been designated high priority.

Subprogramme 1
Equality

7A.86 In the biennium 1996-1997, the programme will continue to seek to improve the quality of servicing to the Commission and the Committee in implementing their mandates in the overall context of the Programme of Action adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women.

Activities

1. International cooperation

(a) *Promotion of legal instruments*. Contribution in the development of an optional protocol for the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, including review of the functioning of such protocols in other human rights instruments and consultation with States parties to the Convention; and promotional activities on the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women, with a view to determining the effectiveness of the instrument and the possible need for a further instrument;

(b) *External relations*. Liaison with relevant non-governmental organizations in support to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; and liaison with regional intergovernmental organizations on regional instruments on women's human rights such as the OAS Convention on the Elimination of Violence against Women.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*

(i) Two reports to the General Assembly on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

(ii) Thirty-six reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on (a) separate analysis of initial and periodic reports by States parties to the Convention being presented to the Committee (30 reports); identification of trends in implementation of article 4 and other specific articles of the Convention or specific recommendations made by the Committee to assist it in its consideration of reports of States parties (annual); (c) ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee (annual); and (d) implications of the priority themes of the Commission on the Status of Women for the work of the Committee (annual); and assistance to the Committee in preparation of its reports on its fifteenth and sixteenth sessions to the General Assembly;

(iii) Five reports to the Commission on the Status of Women on (a) list of confidential and non-confidential communications relating to the status of women (annual); (b) elimination of stereotyping in the mass media; (c) priority theme selected by the Commission; and (d) work of the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women;

(b) *Substantive services*. (i) General Assembly; (ii) Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; and (iii) Commission on the Status of Women and its working groups;

(c) *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work*. Two ad hoc expert groups on two priority themes under equality to be selected by the Commission on the Status of Women.

3. Published material

One recurrent publication. Work of CEDAW, vols. 5 and 6 (two issues).

4 Operational activities

Group training. Two subregional seminars on implementation of the Convention.

Subprogramme 2
Development

7A.87 The subprogramme provides substantive support to the Commission on the Status of Women in pursuit of the objectives of development set out in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women.

7A.88 During the biennium 1996-1997, the subprogramme will continue to service the Commission in implementing its mandates.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. (i) One report to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council on effective mobilization for women in development; and (ii) reports to the Commission on the Status of Women on priority themes under the rubric of development (as required);

(b) *Substantive services*. (i) General Assembly; (ii) Economic and Social Council; and (iii) Commission on the Status of Women;

(c) *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work*. Two ad hoc expert group meetings on two priority themes under development to be selected by the Commission.

Subprogramme 3
Peace

7A.89 The subprogramme provides substantive support to the Commission on the Status of Women in pursuit of the objective of peace set out in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women.

7A.90 During the biennium 1996-1997, the work on priority themes under the rubric of peace will be proposed for consideration by the Commission and analysis will be undertaken on gender and peace.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Reports to the Commission on the Status of Women on priority themes to be selected by the Commission;

(b) *Substantive services*. Commission on the Status of Women;

(c) *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work*. Two ad hoc expert group meetings on two priority themes under peace.

2. Published material

Technical material. Update of database on women in decision-making positions.

Subprogramme 4
Monitoring, review and appraisal of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women

7A.91 The subprogramme comprises the monitoring, coordination and outreach activities of the United Nations programme on women, including its efforts to include gender issues in the mainstream of United Nations work.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Liaison with relevant non-governmental organizations concerned with the advancement of women, in particular with non-governmental organizations committees in Vienna, Geneva and New York.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Two reports to the General Assembly on the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies (annual) and two reports to the Commission on the Status of Women on (i) system-wide monitoring of progress in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies; and (ii) revision of the system-wide medium-term plan on advancement of women;

(b) *Substantive services*. General Assembly and the Commission on the Status of Women.

3. Published material

Fifteen issues of recurrent publications. Directory of Focal Points within the United Nations System on Questions Relating to Women; *Directory of National Machinery for the Advancement of Women* (annual); *Women 2000* (eight issues); and *Women's Information System Accessions List* (four issues).

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Contribution to the annual Administrative Committee on Coordination inter-agency meetings on women.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

7A.92 In addition to the existing staff establishment (12 posts in the Professional category and above and 7 General Service posts), it is proposed to establish the post of the Director of the Division at D-2 level. These functions are currently implemented by the Secretary-General of the Fourth World Conference on Women. This proposal would be accommodated through the redeployment of a D-2 post currently allocated for the Executive Secretary of the Interim Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which would otherwise be abolished.

Consultants and experts

7A.93 The estimated requirements ($192,000) are for outside expertise for the preparation of material on specific themes of development, equality and peace to be selected by the Commission on the Advancement of Women ($55,000) and the preparation and holding of six ad hoc expert groups on issues under the programme of work ($137,000).

Travel

7A.94 The estimated requirements ($120,700) relate to activities under the programme of work and to consultations with Governments and international and non-governmental organizations.

Contractual services

7A.95 The provision of $62,400 relates to production of publications highlighting the work of the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and other recurrent and non-recurrent publications.

5. Combating desertification, particularly in Africa

Table 7A.16 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	602.6	2 599.4	—	—	2 599.4	203.6	2 803.0
Other staff costs	71.4	10.3	(0.5)	(4.8)	9.8	0.5	10.3
Consultants and experts	431.0	1 004.7	(414.7)	(41.2)	590.0	35.1	625.1
Travel	217.4	263.2	—	—	263.2	13.5	276.7
General operating expenses	45.4	125.5	(17.0)	(13.5)	108.5	5.6	114.1
Supplies and materials	3.0	16.0	—	—	16.0	1.0	17.0
Equipment	31.5	48.5	(39.5)	(81.4)	9.0	0.5	9.5
Total	**1 402.3**	**4 067.6**	**(471.7)**	**(11.5)**	**3 595.9**	**259.8**	**3 855.7**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for Supporting the Negotiating Process on the International Convention	
734.1	6 647.6	to Combat Desertification and Drought	7 414.4
		Special Voluntary Fund for Supporting Developing Countries Affected by Desertification and Drought, in particular Least Developed Countries, to Participate in the Negotiation Process on the International Convention to Combat	
709.4	1 600.0	Desertification and Drought	1 800.0
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
1 443.5	**8 247.6**	**Total**	**9 214.4**
2 845.8	**12 315.2**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**13 070.1**

Table 7A.17 **Post requirements**

Programme: Combating desertification, particularly in Africa

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**6**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**6**	**6**
General Service category								
Other levels	6	6	—	—	—	—	6	6
Total	**6**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**6**	**6**
Grand total	**12**	**12**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**12**	**12**

7A.96 The legislative authority for the activities under this heading derives from General Assembly resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992, whereby the Assembly initiated the intergovernmental process on elaboration of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly Africa, and established the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee.

7A.97 In June 1994, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee adopted the Convention, which will enter into force three months after it receives 50 ratifications. It is expected that the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place in 1997.

7A.98 By its resolution 49/234 of 23 December 1994, the General Assembly extended the mandate of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee in order for the Committee:

(a) To prepare for the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, as specified in the Convention;

(b) To facilitate the implementation of the provisions of Committee resolution 5/1 on urgent action for Africa, through the exchange of information and the review of progress made thereon;

(c) To initiate measures relating to the identification of an organization to house the global mechanism to promote actions leading to the mobilization and channelling of substantial financial resources, including its operational modalities;

(d) To elaborate the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties;

(e) To consider other relevant issues, including measures to ensure the implementation of the Convention and its regional annexes.

7A.99 By the same resolution, the General Assembly decided that the interim secretariat should continue to function in order to assist the Committee.

7A.100 It is expected that during the biennium 1996-1997 the Committee will have four sessions (two per year) on issues related to the Convention. It is estimated that services of the interim secretariat to the entire intergovernmental process under the Convention would be required through December 1997. Its work will be concentrated on the following areas:

(a) Support of the Committee's meetings, particularly by preparing background analyses of subjects to be taken up at the first Conference of Parties and of activities during the interim period;

(b) Promotion of signature, ratification and implementation of the Convention through close cooperation with governmental and non-governmental organizations and through awareness activities aimed at both the public at large and at influential target groups;

(c) Organization of ad hoc panels of scientific experts, drawn from a roster nominated by Governments, to provide the necessary technical input to the Committee;

(d) Collection, analysis and synthesis of information communicated by Governments regarding interim period activities for review by the Committee;

(e) Support and contribution to activities on urgent action for Africa, on request, at the national, subregional and regional levels.

Activities

1. International cooperation

Promotion of the Convention, liaison with secretariats of other related conventions, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, scientific and industrial communities, trade unions and other interested parties and groups on issues relating to the Convention.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. Background and technical documentation for the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on specific subjects under its agenda (two sessions per year); assistance to the Committee in the preparation of its reports to the General Assembly at its fifty-first and fifty-second sessions and to the First Conference of Parties to the Convention; and support services to the Committee and the First Conference of Parties.

3. Published material

Technical material. Databases on participation of non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations in the process of negotiation and on events relating to combating desertification and mitigating drought.

4. Information materials and services

Production and distribution of official copies of the Convention, brochures and fact sheets in official and non-official languages, newsletter, slide presentations, videos and press kits.

5. Operational activities

Advisory services to Governments in the preparation of action programmes in Africa and elsewhere and on the consultative process under the Convention, organization of and participation in training programmes, seminars and workshops aimed at increasing knowledge of the Convention's provisions and building the capacity of affected developing countries to implement it.

6. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Liaison with UNEP, UNDP, UNESCO, FAO, WMO and the UNEP/WMO Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on issues relating to the Convention; and contribution into activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on issues relating to the Convention.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Other staff costs

7A.101 The estimated requirements ($9,800) relate to overtime to meet peak workload during the sessions of the Committee.

Consultants and experts

7A.102 The provision requested ($590,000) relates mainly to the proposed ad hoc panels of experts to provide and review scientific and technical material on specific aspects of the work. Four such panels are envisaged, each made up of five experts drawn from each of the major regions and each holding four sessions, three in 1996 and one in 1997, of 10 days each. The proposed arrangements are based on experience gained during 1994-1995 and replace the multidisciplinary panel of experts established under the terms of resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992.

Travel

7A.103 The estimated requirements ($263,200) relate to travel of staff of the interim secretariat to attend the meetings of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to be held away from Geneva, consultative missions with government authorities on issues concerned with desertification and preparations for the first session of the Conference of Parties, missions related to the preparation of substantive reports to the Committee and participation in activities of specialized agencies concerned with the issues of desertification and drought, and to provide for travel of staff to assist developing countries in implementation of Committee resolution 5/1 on urgent action for Africa.

General operating expenses and supplies and materials

7A.104 The estimated requirements under these headings ($124,500) relate to communications ($74,600), rental of photocopiers and maintenance of electronic data-processing equipment ($10,000) and miscellaneous services and supplies ($39,900).

Equipment

7A.105 A provision of $9,000 is required for acquisition of data-processing equipment.

D. Programme support

Table 7A.18 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 160.4	1 835.6	—	—	1 835.6	78.1	1 913.7
Other staff costs	224.1	345.4	—	—	345.4	16.8	362.2
Consultants and experts	—	0.2	(0.2)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Travel	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Contractual services	7.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
General operating expenses	408.1	682.3	45.0	6.5	727.3	35.0	762.3
Supplies and materials	40.3	90.9	—	—	90.9	4.1	95.0
Equipment	69.7	153.4	168.9	110.1	322.3	15.6	337.9
Total	**2 912.1**	**3 107.8**	**213.7**	**6.8**	**3 321.5**	**149.6**	**3 471.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	185.2	Extrabudgetary activities	370.4
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
Total —	**185.2**		**370.4**
Total (1) and (2) **2 912.1**	**3 293.0**		**3 841.5**

Table 7A.19 **Post requirements**

Programme: Programme support

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Total	**3**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**3**
General Service category								
Principal level	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Other levels	10	10	—	—	—	—	10	10
Total	**12**	**12**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**12**	**12**
Grand total	**15**	**15**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**15**	**15**

7A.106 The Executive Office provides services for personnel, budgetary and financial administration, resource planning and use of common services, together with administrative support to policy-making organs and other international meetings, as required.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Other staff costs

7A.107 The estimated requirements ($345,400) are broken down as follows:

(a) General temporary assistance for temporary replacement of staff in all programmes of the department on extended sick leave and maternity leave and the engagement of additional staff during periods of peak workload ($244,200);

(b) Overtime for periods of peak workload ($101,200).

General operating expenses

7A.108 The estimated requirements ($727,300) relate to rental and maintenance of data-processing equipment ($403,700), communications ($241,000), official functions ($6,300) and other miscellaneous services ($76,300). The increase of $45,000 is attributable to estimated additional requirements for rental and maintenance of automation equipment for the Department as a whole.

Supplies and materials

7A.109 The estimated requirements under this heading ($90,900) are for expendable office supplies and materials, including subscriptions and data-processing supplies for the Department as a whole.

Equipment

7A.110 The estimated requirements under this heading ($322,300), including resource growth of $168,900, is required to cover the cost of the acquisition ($78,300) and replacement ($244,000) of office automation equipment for the Department as a whole under the globally administered programme of technological innovations. The resource growth is attributable to (a) acquisition of the specialized automation equipment required for development of local area network in the Department under the responsibility of the Information Support Unit ($55,000), and (b) additional requirements for replacement of existing equipment of the Department under the global programme of technological innovations ($113,900).